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Chairman Wheeler Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC, 20554

In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of over 200 members of the Alabama Educational Technology Association, I write to express our strong support for the nomination of AASA Executive Director Daniel A. Domenech to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. The CTOs and other EdTech leaders in our organization work very hard with very limited budgets to ensure that Alabama students benefit from today's amazing online tools and resources. The E-Rate program is a vital part of this effort.

Based on last year's E-Rate Modernization, it is clear that the E-Rate program is responsive to the emerging needs of schools. For this reason, it is critical that Dr. Domenech continue on the USAC Board of Directors. Dr. Domenech has extensive education and leadership experience, including first-hand experience of the critical role of telecommunications and connectivity in schools. Further, his direct link to public school systems provides a sense of continuity when it comes to representing school system-level thoughts and opinions.

We respectfully request your approval of Dr. Domenech's nomination to the USAC Board of directors, representing schools and libraries that are eligible to receive discounts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ellard President